

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc. ("Verizon") and MCI, Inc. ("MCI") to Transfer Control of MCI's California Utility Subsidiaries to Verizon, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of Verizon's Acquisition of MCI.

Application 05-04-020
(Filed April 21, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SCHEDULING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

This ruling provides notice of the schedule for public participation meetings to be conducted in this proceeding. The public participation hearings are intended to provide members of the public with an opportunity to appear and be heard concerning the pending joint application of Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI Inc. (collectively, the Joint Applicants) for authorization to transfer control of MCI's California utility subsidiaries to Verizon.

The Joint Applicants are directed to provide notice to their customers of the schedule for the public participation hearings, as set forth below. Reasonable advance notice shall be provided by the Joint Applicants in newspapers of general circulation, including each of the communities in which public participation hearings are scheduled, as well as through direct mail. The proposed notice should be reviewed by the Commission's Public Advisor.

The following schedule is adopted for the public participation hearings:

Monday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m.

City of Whittier City Hall Council Chambers
13230 Penn Street, 2nd Floor
Whittier, CA 90602

Monday, August 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Whittier Community Center
7630 Washington Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602

Tuesday, August 16, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Public Library - Auditorium
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90822

Thursday, August 18, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

San Bernardino Public Library – Kellogg Rooms A & B
555 West 6th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92410

For each such hearing, Joint Applicants are asked to prepare an opening presentation of from 3 to 5 minutes describing the application and the benefits they believe the transaction will provide. Protestants are asked to select a spokesperson to prepare an opening presentation of from 3 to 5 minutes describing opposition to the application and alternatives proposed.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Public participation hearings are scheduled in this proceeding to be conducted at the times and locations set forth above.
2. The Joint Applicants are directed to provide advance notice of the above-referenced schedule for public participation hearings through direct mail

to their customers and publication in newspapers of general circulation, including each of the communities in which a public participation hearing is scheduled. The notice of public participation hearings should be reviewed by the Commission's Public Advisor.

Dated June 28, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Glen Walker

Glen Walker
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Scheduling Public Participation Hearings by using the following service:

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☒ U.S. Mail Service: mailing by first-class mail with postage prepaid to all known parties of record who did not provide electronic mail addresses.

Dated June 28, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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